

*Polygonum vacciniifolium*. (Polygonaceae.) 39048. Seeds from Darjeeling, India. "Apparently a common Himalayan plant which has proved sufficiently hardy to bear the open air of this climate (England). It is a low-growing neat plant, and by its numerous slender stems trailing along the ground and rooting at the joints it soon becomes a spreading compact patch. The leaves are quite concealed by the copious spikes of bright rose-colored flowers, which continue blooming from August to November uninterruptedly. It is well adapted for the front part of rock work, in situations where it will not be subject to drought in summer. This plant continues to become a great favorite in our gardens as a bedding-out plant, especially where autumn flowers are desired." (Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 4622.)

*Rheum acuminatum*. (Polygonaceae.) 39049. Seeds of wild rhubarb from Darjeeling, India. "This is the common rhubarb of the Sikkim Himalayas, and very closely resembles in most respects the well-known *Rheum emodi*. It inhabits rocky places, often amongst brushwood in the sub-alpine regions of the Himalayas of Sikkim and East Nepal, at elevations of 9000 to 13000 feet. The stems are pleasantly acid, and, though more dry and stringy than those of *R. emodi*, may be used for tarts. The root is spongy, and but slightly, if at all, medicinal." (Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 4877.)

*Rheum nobile*. (Polygonaceae.) 39050. Seeds of wild rhubarb from Darjeeling, India. "A handsome herbaceous plant, with a stem three to four feet high and as thick as the wrist at the base. It is found in the inner ranges of the Sikkim Himalaya at altitudes between 13000 and 15000 feet. The root resembles that of the medicinal rhubarb but is spongy and inert. The acid stems are eaten raw and boiled and the dried leaves afford a substitute for tobacco."

*Rhododendron* spp. (Ericaceae.) 39051-068. Seeds of eighteen Himalayan rhododendrons from Darjeeling, India. *R. campylocarpum* and *R. dalhousiae*, considered as among the most beautiful and interesting of the Himalayan forms, *R. anthopogon* and *R. lepidotum*, two species used in Indian medicine, and the rare yellow-flowered *R. wightii* are among the lot.

*Saxifraga purpurascens*. (Saxifragaceae.) 39074. Seeds of a saxifrage from Darjeeling, India. "This beautiful and hardy species comes from the temperate regions of the Sikkim Himalaya, where it was discovered growing in wet